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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1468

DATE PREPARED: Feb 8, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 8, 2001

SUBJECT: Spotlighting Dwellings

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill prohibits a person from shining a spotlight, searchlight, or any other artificial light at a dwelling, barn, or a structure other than a barn that is used for keeping animals. This bill makes a violation a Class C infraction. The bill provides exceptions for specified persons and types of lights.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) This bill adds an additional offense for which a Class C infraction applies. If additional court cases occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if infraction judgments and court fees are collected. The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500 which is deposited in the state General Fund. If court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, a court fee of \$70 would be assessed. 70% of the court fee would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: If additional court actions occur and a guilty verdict is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources: (1) The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$120 court fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund. (2) A \$3 fee would be assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county law enforcement continuing education fund. (3) A \$2 jury fee is assessed and, if collected, would be deposited into the county user fee fund to supplement

the compensation of jury members.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: